

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 327

By Norris

A RESOLUTION to commend Mitch Currey for exemplary service as a legislative intern.

WHEREAS, each legislative session this body is pleased to recognize certain persons who have committed themselves, through their adroit service, to the betterment of the legislative process; and

WHEREAS, Mitch Currey is one such individual who distinguished himself in his role as a legislative intern for Senate Majority Leader Mark Norris; Mitch's work resulted in innumerable benefits for the legislators he assisted and the General Assembly as a whole; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Currey previously served his country as a member of the 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division of the United States Army; he served two tours in Iraq and one in Afghanistan from 2003 to 2007 and achieved the rank of sergeant; during his training, he participated in the United States Army Airborne School, Warrior Leaders Course, and Infantry Mortars Leaders Course; and

WHEREAS, for his dedicated service, he earned numerous awards and commendations, including Army Commendation Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Army and Air Force Presidential Unit Citation, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Afghanistan Campaign Medal, Iraq Campaign Medal with Two Campaign Stars, Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, Army NCO Professional Development Ribbon, Army Service Ribbon, Combat Infantry Badge, Expert Infantry Badge, and Parachutist Badge; and

WHEREAS, Mitch Currey earned his associate degree in criminal justice from Volunteer State Community College in 2011; and

WHEREAS, currently a student at Austin Peay State University, where he is highly regarded by his peers, Mr. Currey has achieved academic success while majoring in political science and participating in numerous extracurricular activities; and

WHEREAS, Mitch Currey enjoys the loving companionship of his wife, Mindy Currey, and they are the proud parents of a daughter, Hadley Jo Currey; and

WHEREAS, eager to familiarize himself with the characteristics and complexities of Tennessee State government and to further his studies, Mr. Currey brought his many abilities and singular expertise to Capitol Hill for the 2015 session of the One Hundred Ninth General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, throughout the 2015 legislative session, he surpassed all criteria that define a devoted and conscientious legislative intern; and

WHEREAS, Mitch Currey performed his many duties with extraordinary insight and rare decorum; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby commend Mitch Currey for outstanding service as a legislative intern for Senate Majority Leader Mark Norris and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.